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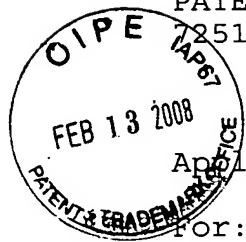
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir or Madam:

Applicants have the following comments on the statement of reasons for allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed on 11 January 2008:

1. The statement of reasons for allowance begins with a paragraph including three bullet points regarding limitations that the prior art fails to disclose or suggest. The first bullet point states:

provides a plurality of windows, wherein each window is associated with an application and wherein at least some of the windows are able to accept focus (i.e., some of the windows can accept keyboard and remote control entries from a user)

However, the "i.e." should be "e.g." because a keyboard and a remote control are only examples of input devices. For example, the specification states "[t]he multi-window system sends user entries (keyboard, remote control, stylus...) towards a single

window having the focus...." (published PCT application, 1:25-2:1).

2. The third bullet point states:

at any time, assigning focus to exactly one of the windows that are able to accept focus by choosing the one window with the highest focus priority so that another window requesting the focus does not receive the focus.


To avoid any ambiguity, it is noted that the independent claims recite "assigning focus to exactly one window at any time" (or, in the case of claim 6, "assign focus to exactly one window at any time").

3. Also with respect to the third bullet point, it is noted that the independent claims recite "so that requesting focus for one of the windows does not **necessarily** allow focus to be given to the one window requesting focus" [emphasis added].

Respectfully submitted,

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